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LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE. CONTINUED ON PAGES 6, 11. VICTORY IS WON. THE LOSS GREAT

British Capture Spion Kop and Sustain Repeated Attacks.

JUBILATION CHASTENED

British Realize That Warren's Success is Only Provisional.

BOERS MAY RECAPTURE

bey Have Not Abandoned the Hope

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Jan. 25.-The War Office has issued the following dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated January 25, 12:10 a. m.: 'Gen. Warren's troops last night occupied Spion kop, surprising the small garrison, who fled. It has been held by us all day, though we were heavily attacked, especially by a very annoying shell-fire. I fear our casualties are considerable, and I have to inform you with regret that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded. General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's position untenable. The men's courage was

JOY IN LONDON.

Lendon, Jan. 25.—2:25 p. m.—The jubilation over General Warren's achievement in capturing Spion kep Wednesday night is chastened by the realization that his success is only provisional, as it appears clear from General Buller's disputch that the Boers fully recognize the stragetical importance of Spion kep and at the time his message was sent off they had not abandoned the hope of recapturing the position. Nevertheless, a heavy load of anxiety has been removed from the nation, and there is general expeciation that as the

British have succeeded in keeping the hill all day they will manage to retain it until General Warren plants guns enough on it to dominate the Boer trenches right and left.

A HERCULEAN TASK.

There is the usual disposition here to exaggerate the importance of the point scored, but the best informed people re-alize that General Buller still has a task ahead of him calling for the most dogged persistence and untiring attack, and that the difficulties will increase as the position develops.

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London, Jan. 25.—The relief of the
tension on the Stock Exchange was
very-marked after the receipt of the
news of the capture of Spion Kop, Buslness began more cheerfully all around
and with an upward movement under
the influence of the news at the War
Office, and at the clubs and other reverts there was a notable change from sorts there was a notable change from the gloomy fears of yesterday. The appearance of the news placards on the streets sent crowds of people to the War Office, and the lobbies were soon filled to suffocation. Those near the notice board read over the news at frequent intervals, for the benefit of the late ar-rivals who, were unable to approach, and each successive reading led to renewal of cheering.

GEN. WOODGATE DEAD. London, Jan. 26.—Advices have been received from Spearman's Camp that General Woodgate has succumbed to the wounds he received in the attack upon Spion kop.

THE KENTUCKY CONTESTS.

THE BURDEN OF EVIDENCE-PRESENCE OF ARMED MEN. (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 25 .- Tissue bal lots and intimidation continue to be the

lots and intimidation continue to be the burden of the evidence offered by the contestees before the Senate boards hearing the gubernatorial contest.

To-day the State Contest Boards announced the result of their consideration of the contestees counter notices and the contestees were granted time to amend many paragraphs overruled and denurged to

ernor Bradley's request.

A dozen Wolf county election officers testified today concerning the use of alleged tissic hallots. Albert Brandels, a Louisville attorney, said he examined the the poll books of Louisville and found that 27,165 vyters indicated their party affiliation when they registered. He produced a abulated statement showing that 16.8 per cent. of the Demoratle voters registered failed to vote at the last cection, and that 19.8 per cent. of the Rpublicans registered failed to vote.

Ing of from \$800 to 1,000 men, armed with rifles, might have terrorized a community less inured to unusual and sensational happenings, but by nightfall the excitement caused by the appearance of the warlike visitors had subsided and the people were prepared for another turn in the events of new making history at the State's capital. The train that bere the armed men was made up of fourteen conches. Apparently but few here knew that it was expected.

The men left the coaches in front of the Louisville and Nashville station, and forming into companies marched to the State House, their arms were doposited promiscuously and the men scattered about the buildings. Lunch was served to them at the rear of the State House. Most of the visitors wore badges of white ribbon, adorned with a pleture of Governor Taylor. While it is generally, believed that many of the men who arrived to-day are soldiers, no person in authority will stand sponsor for the statement, while Governor Taylor of the statement, while Governor Taylor and Adjutant-General Collier disclaim any connection with them. The men warious sections of the men who arrived to-day are soldiers, no person in authority will stand sponsor for the statement, while Governor Taylor and Adjutant-General Collier disclaim any connection with them. The Thrusts of Sontherner.

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The Proposed Amendment to the Bill Requiring Negro Clubs to Pay

REPLY TO MR. PRITCHARD THE VOTERS TO DECIDE

State House a committee was appointed to draft resolutions which indicated their mission. The resolutions as adopted will be presented to both houses of the Legislature to-morrow.

These recite the inherent principles of liberty and free government, proclaimed in the Bill of Rights; the right to freely communicate "our thoughts and opinions," and assemble peacefully for the good of fellow Kentuckians and of appealing to their agents and proxies, the Legislature; by either peti-Washington Jan. 25 .- Another discus-

BILL PASSED

TON.

A moment before the adjournment of the Senate to-day a bill was introduced which will, no doubt, create one of the warmest fights of the session. It provides for a charter to construct a railroad to Washington, and is evidently backed by the Seaboard Air Line.

Such a line would of necessity injure the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, in which the State is a large stockholder.

The bill is to incorporate the Washington. Air Line Railway Company, which is to extend from Richmond to some point on the Potomac, either in Alexandria or Fairfax county. The corporators are George Wayne Anderson,

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 25 .- With the most perfect unanimity the Senate today passed the bill introduced by Hon. John E. Epps to compel the railroads to provide separate cars for the two

Hon. B. B. Munford, of this city, who is recognized as one of the mouthpieces for the railroads, made a lengthy speech in favor of the bill, thus demonstrates

GEN. PRETORIUS

"JIM CROW" BOAT LAW IN-

The bill of Mr. Matthews, of Accomac, to make the steamboat companies provide separate accommodations for whites and blacks, was indorsed this morning by the Senate Committee on General Laws, and will no doubt be passed by both branches of the Legislature.

FROM RICHMOND TO WASHING-TON.

Alexandria or Fairfax county. The corporators are George Wayne Anderson, John Skelton Williams, E. St. John, J. William Middendorf, James H. Dooley, S. L. Kelley, S. S. Patteson, Gardner L. Boothe and Julien L. Burke.

It will be observed that three of its incorporators—Messrs, Anderson, Patteson and Kelley—are members of the present Legislature. The capital stock is not to be less than \$500,000.

STATE MUST SELL.

Before the Richmond, Fredericksburg.

Before the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road can be paralleled, the State must sell its holdings in that company. It is presumed the Seaboard Air Line will be willing to buy out the interests of the Commonwealth in this line in order to be able to build its own line to Washington. Or, the proposed road may be built by such route as not to be construed as paralleling the old company. The bill simply provides that a railroad may be built from some point in Henrico to the Potomac river and does not designate the countles through which the road shall run. REPORTED ADVERSELY.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections reported, with the recommendation that it do not pass, the Barksdale bill to prevent the corrupt use of money in elections. The act was use of money in elections. The act was never considered at any meeting of the committee, but the members thoroughly acquainted themselves with the provisions of the measure. Mr. Barksdale insisted upon a report in order to bring the measure before the Senate, and the members of the committee were polled and the report was agreed upon. Mr. Barksdale proposes to make a big fight for the bill on the floor of the Senate.

BRYAN WILL COME.

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The joint committee appointed to invite Hon. William J. Bryan to deliver an address before the General Assembly met to-day. A telegram was sent to Mr. Bryan at Harrisburg, Pa., asking when it would suit his convenience to visit Richmond. Mr. Bryan will stop in Richmond on his way to Mississippi. The committee is composed of Senators Barksdale and Glass, Delegates Embrey T. N. Jones and Early, Mr. Barksdale will be accorded the honor of introducing Mr. Bryan to the Richmond audience.

PASSED BY

the management of that institution with a view to ascertaining the cost of maintaining the Home, the character of the diet, quarters, etc.

Mr. Fester stated that such informa-

sired could be obtained by some other

After some further discussion the res-olution was rejected.

APPLICANTS FOR LAW LICENSE. When the bill to amend section 3192 of When the bill to amend section 3192 of the Code so as to prevent applicants for license to practice law going into other States for examination and using the certificates issued by such boards in order to practice their profession in this State came up. Mr. Barksdale opposed it. He took occasion to say that he thought the examination in Virginia too harsh. Patrick Henry, Daniel Webster and Henry Clay would probably have been unable to pass this examination.

The bill was passed.

UNDERGROUND WIRES.

Mr. Folkes' bill to require the putting of all electric wires underground came up in the House this morning. A motion to dismiss it from the calendar was made and carried, after a debate in which Messrs. Whitehead, Hunley and Folkes took part.

INTRODUCED.

A large number of bills were intro-duced, among them the following: By Mr. John Whitehead and Mr Lyons—To incorporate the Norfolk and Berkley Bridge Company, By Mr. John Whitehead—To provide

will be decided on next Thursray CONGRESS WON'T HAVE ROBERTS

House Votes to Exclude Him and Declare His Seat Vacant.

SAYS IT IS PREJUDICE

How the Vote to Exclude Him Was Divided Politically.

A PARTING STATEMENT

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Jan. 25 .- The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the House since the assembling of Contion of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 268 to 50.

The exact language of the resolution

"That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the

Roberts, representative-elect from the State of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the House of Representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant."
The amendment to expel Mr. Roberts without senting him, offered by Mr. Lacy, was ruled out on a point of order, and the House only voted upon the resolutions of the majority and minority of the committee. The latter to seat and then expel Mr. Roberts was defeated \$1\$ to 24.

An analysis of this vote shows that 170 Republicans, 75 Democrats and 2 Populists voted against it, and 71 Democrats, 6 Republicans, two Populists and two Silver Republicans voted for it.

The majority resolutions—"to exclude Mr. Roberts and declare the seat va-

The majority resolutions—to exclude Mr. Roberts and declare the seat vacant"—were adopted 268 to 50. The affirmative vote was divided as follows; Republicans, 165; Democrats, 96; Populists, 4; and the negative vote: Democrats, 47; Sliver Republicans, 2; Populists, 4;

Richmond audience.

PASSED BY.

The Scnate Committee on Finance this morning passed by the consideration of the Lupton tax commission bill. It is probable a substitute will be perfected and introduced looking to the creation of a Board of Equalization of Taxes. Senator Fairfax offered such an act a few years ago, and it passed the Senate, but failed in the House. The lidea of such a board is to put down assessments in certain counties and to increase them in other counties.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

A PARTING STATEMENT.

There were a score of speakers to-day, Mr. Roberts was present throughout the day, and only left the hall after the result of the last vote had been announced. As he did so he gave out a statement justifying his retention of his plural wives on the ground that his moral obligation was more binding upon his conscience than technical obedience to statutory law, and saying that there was little excuse for the extraordinary efforts to crush a system already abandoned and practically dead.

WON'T RUN ACALY.

WON'T RUN AGAIN.

When the Senate met a resolution was presented by Senator Foster, of Norfolk, providing for a joint commission to visit the Soldiers' Home at Hampton and obtain information as to

Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, said that in a case of such abnormal and deliant immorality technicalities should not weigh. Representing the constituency he did, he said, he should vota

Mr. Foster stated that such information as might be gathered would be
useful to the Legislature in dealing with
the Soldiers' Home at Richmond.
Senators Wickham, of Fairfax, and
Tyler opposed the resolution. They
stated that the Legislature of Virginia
had no right to investigate a National
Soldiers' Home, but the information degired could be obtained by some other
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Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) supported the views of the majority in favor of ex-

Morris (Minnesota), a member of Mr. Morris (Minnesota), a member of the epecial committee which investigated the Roberts case and who signed the majority report, advocated its adoption in an hour's speech. If the constitutional qualifications could not be added to, said he, the House would be compelled to admit a driveiling idiot, a base traitor or a red-handed murder. The Supreme Court had held that polygamy was not a religious tenet.

Mr. De Armond (Missouri) closed the

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tion or remonstance; admonish that body that peril hovers close over many things dear to them; invoke calm pru-

things dear to them; invoke calm prudence and remonstrate against the legislators being led into the temptations of partisan pride in the present crisis. The resolutions close:

"We beseech them to remember that their own just powers were loaned them by us at the polls, and that among these was the jurisdiction to decide judicially and by due process of law, and not otherwise, what was then our expressed will, not their present political preference.

"We implore them that they do not

We implore them that they do not on slight or technical pretexts nor flimsy or trivial causes permit the sub-version of that supreme law of the land, the will of the people."

to amend many paragraphs overruled and denurred to.

Ex-Goyernor Bradley announced at the beginning of the day's session that a warrant was issued for the arrest of Judge Sterling B. Toney, of the Louisville Lay and Equity Court, for refusal to ome to Frankfort and testify. The warrant was sent to Louisville for service to hight, in response to ex-Governor Bradley's request. see Republicans who have been honest-by elected thrown out for Goebel Demo-erats. In this event Speaker Trimble will, it is likely, order the lobbles and gulleries of the State House cleared, and, it is feared, precipitate a conflict. ARMED MEN DEPART.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 5.—The armed men of the mountains, contrary to expectations, on the advice of the Republican authorities here, left Frankfort at 9 o'clock to-night. They are believed, however, to have mistaken this for the day on which the contest boards were to make their report. The arrival in Frankfort this morn- to make their report

The three generals who, under the direction of General Joubert, are blocking the advance of Buller toward Ladysmith are General Cronje, General Pretorius and General Botha, all heroes of the war of 1881, when the British were defeated. COEUR D' ALENE TROUBLES.

THREE BOER GENERALS WHO BLOCK THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

Mr. Cockrell (Missouri), from the Military Affairs Committee, reported a substitute for Mr. Pettlgrew's resolution regarding the Coeur d' Alene mining troubles last year.

The substitute calls upon the Secretary of War to submit to the Senate copies of all orders given to General H.

Merriam and to all officers under m, and especially any proclamation General Merriam, and as to the or-ers concerning the treatment of civillan prisoners. The resolution

CUSTOMS AND REVENUES.

The resolution of Mr. Allen (Nebraska) calling on the Secretary of War for all orders and information concerning the collection of customs and revenues in the islands of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines was passed with a slight modification. with a slight modification.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL.

The urgent deficiency bill was then called up. Mr. Hale (Maine), in response to inquiries from Mr. Pettigrew, said the bill carried about \$9,000,000; that it contained no provision for the payment of the rental of the old custom house in New York. He could not say, however, how much was devoted to the Philipping war. to the Philippine war.

Mr. Pettigrow maintained that before any further approval of the expendi-ture of money was made Congress ought to determine the right or wrong of the Philippine war, which was be-ing conducted without authority of Congress. He said he would not re-

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strating that the roads have recognized

strating that the roads have recognized the inevitable and determined to make a virtue of necessity.

The bill has aiready passed the House and it is understood that Governor Tyler will sign the same as soon as it reaches him. The law goes into effect July 1st next, but it is said that some of the railroads will anticipate it in order to gain, as far as possible, the good will of the people.

AFTER NEGRO CLUBS.

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Delegate Whitehead, of Norfolk, has introduced, at the request of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Norfolk a bill requiring negro clubs, which now are supposed to pay the State \$1 a member, to be put in on a similar basis of license tax as retail liquor dealers and to pay the same license. It is believed by the Mayor, Police Justice Judge of the Corporation Court of Norfolk and others that this is the only way to break up a large number of negro clubs in that city who pay the State about \$30 license, and which have large numbers of members outside and do a regular bar business. President Charles G. Cannon, of the Norfolk Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, is here looking after the bill.

not CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. The joint caucus of the Senate and House to-night decided upon the measire providing for submission to the coters of the State the question of call-

ing a constitutional convention.

T. C. Pilcher presided, and Senator Lupton offered the resolution. Several speeches were made, and it was decided to make it a party question in the next convenient.

The date of voting on the proposition

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